



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Housing: Question on Units in Structure (H-1)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT UNITS IN STRUCTURE

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) uses these data to determine areas that are eligible for Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insurance programs.
- The Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families uses these data to profile the ages of the structures lived in by families eligible for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program.
- HUD also uses these data to calculate and set fair market rents to help low-income households obtain better rental housing and reduce the share of their income going to rent costs.
- Public utilities and telephone companies use these data to forecast demand for products and services.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR UNITS IN STRUCTURE DATA

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Low Income Housing, Title 42, Chapter 8
- FHA Multifamily Insurance, Title 12, Chapter 13

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

1 Which best describes this building?
Include all apartments, flats, etc., even if vacant.

- ☐ A mobile home
- ☐ A one-family house detached from any other house
- ☐ A one-family house attached to one or more houses
- ☐ A building with 2 apartments
- ☐ A building with 3 or 4 apartments
- ☐ A building with 5 to 9 apartments
- ☐ A building with 10 to 19 apartments
- ☐ A building with 20 to 49 apartments
- ☐ A building with 50 or more apartments
- ☐ Boat, RV, van, etc.

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HISTORY OF THE UNITS IN STRUCTURE QUESTION

- The question on units in structure has been asked since 1940.
- The question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The number of units in the structure classifies housing into one-family homes, apartments, and mobile homes and provides the basic physical description of the housing inventory. These data indicate the number of housing units in structures of specified types and sizes.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at:

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